

Historical Facts about Speaker Dennis Hastert

Making History by Under-Promising & Over-Producing

- ✓ **Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-IL) is the first Republican Speaker in more than a century and one of only two Republicans in American History ever to preside over consecutive electoral seat gains in the U.S. House of Representatives.**
 - 221-to-229 in 2002 Election Cycle; 229-to-232 in 2004 Election Cycle.
 - **Speaker David Henderson (R-IA)** was the last and only other Republican ever to preside over electoral seat gains in the U.S. House of Representatives.
 - 185-to-197 in 1900 Election Cycle; 197-to-208 in 1902 Election Cycle.
 - *Interestingly, Speaker Henderson did not seek re-election in the 1902 Cycle when he made history for House Republicans.*
- ✓ **Speaker Hastert is one of only two Republicans ever to take the Speaker's Oath of Office for four consecutive terms in Congress.**
(Coincidentally, both leaders hail from the State of Illinois.)
 - **Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-IL):**
 - 106th = Jan. 6, 1999; 107th = Jan. 3, 2001; 108th = Jan. 7, 2003; 109th = Jan. 4, 2005
 - **Speaker Joseph Cannon (R-IL):**
 - 58th = Nov. 9, 1903; 59th = Dec. 4, 1905; 60th = Dec. 2, 1907; 61st = March 15, 1909
- ✓ **Speaker Hastert enters an elite group as one of only six American leaders ever to serve as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives for four or more consecutive terms in Congress.**
 - **Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-IL):**
 - 106th = Jan. 6, 1999 through PRESENT (109th sworn in on Jan. 4, 2005)
 - **Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, Jr. (D-MA):**
 - 95th = Jan. 4, 1977 – completed 99th = Jan. 6, 1987
 - **Speaker John W. McCormack (D-MA):**
 - Mid-session 87th = Jan. 10, 1962 – completed 91st = January 21, 1971
 - **Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-TX):**
 - Mid-session 76th = Sept. 16, 1940 – completed 79th Jan. 3, 1947; and,
 - 84th = Jan. 5, 1955 – Mid-session 87th = Nov. 16, 1961 (*Died in Office*)
 - **Speaker James Beauchamp Clark (D-MO):**
 - 62nd = April 4, 1911 – completed 65th = May 19, 1919
 - **Speaker Joseph Cannon (R-IL):**
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